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Letter dated 8 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 22 August and 19 October 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 22 August-19 October 2000

1. **22 August 2000**

At 0200 hours there was firing from the Iranian side opposite the Ziyadiyah area towards the Shatt al-Arab.

2. **26 August 2000**

At 1625 hours Iranian boats seized the Iraqi tug *Al-Fath al-Mubin* as it was approaching Mina' al-Amiq and took it inside Iranian territorial waters. They demanded the identity documents of the crew members and sent them to the customs inspection point. The crew were subjected to verbal abuse, and a portrait of His Excellency the President and Leader (may God preserve him) was smashed. The tug was returned at 2400 hours.

3. **28 August 2000**

At 0400 hours two Iranian warplanes coming from the Jallat area at low altitude violated our national airspace. They then returned to Iranian territory.

4. **29 August 2000**

Tender 371/Basrah was leaving the port of Faw when it was intercepted by two armed Iranian boats with the name "Ashura'" written on them and carrying eight Iranian army soldiers under the command of a first lieutenant by the name of Hasan. They towed the tender with its two boats, using one of the tugs moored at the inspection point, to the Iranian customs facility in the Shatt al-Arab. The Iranians' treatment of the crew of the tender was very bad indeed. They searched the two boats and the people, who remained waiting near the Iranian customs facility until Saturday, 2 September 2000, and none of whom were put ashore on the Iranian side. They were informed that the tender would be held at the port of Bandar Khomeini, and it was towed there by the foreign-owned tug *Asia*. After a while, they were all released.

5. **2 September 2000**

At 0800 hours the Iranians bombarded our units in the Jallat area with 10 120-mm mortar rounds. Private First Class Abd Allah Fadil Hashim and Private First Class Musa Muhammad Tu'mah were injured.

6. **2 September 2000**

At 1200 hours a pick-up truck carrying 15 armed persons was seen on the Iranian mountain chain opposite the Jallat area.

7. 4 September 2000

At 2200 hours the pontoon *Petra/2*, owned by Karim al-Shamiri and loaded with gas oil, was leaving Faw for the Khawr Abd Allah waterway together with two floating cranes belonging to the State Water Transport Corporation, 63/Basrah and 46/Basrah, when they were intercepted by an Iranian patrol and a military craft carrying three persons armed with machine-guns. The latter fired on the Iraqi vessels and forced them to halt in the Ubays area in the Shatt al-Arab inside Iraqi territorial waters.

8. 5 September 2000

Three Iranian boats (the *Ashura'/1*, the *Ashura'/2* and a third, white boat), each carrying three soldiers and under the command of an officer with the rank of captain, approached the aforesaid pontoon. They boarded it and asked the person in charge, Salah al-Shamiri, for the official papers and for information about the cargo. He told them that the pontoon was not Iraqi. They then took a sample of the gas oil and informed the crew that they would tow the vessels to Bandar Khomeini. After the two boats had withdrawn from the area, an Iranian military cabin cruiser appeared with four armed men and a person who spoke Arabic on board. They fired on the vessels and threatened to take them under tow. The crew succeeded in eluding them, and at 0600 hours on 6 September the vessels returned to Faw.

9. 6 September 2000

The Iranian patrol boats *Ashura'/1* and *Ashura'/2* intercepted the mechanical tender *Al-Ma'mun*, owned by Khalid Muhammad Ahmad al-Umar and carrying 1,100 tons of black oil, when it was some 500 metres north-west of the Khawr al-Amayah waterway and escorted it into Khomeini port.

10. 10 September 2000

At 0230 hours the Iranians fired several rounds towards the Iraqi side. One civilian, Kazim Abd Hasan Ali al-Jabburi, a resident of the Ma'amil area in Faw district, was wounded.

11. 12 September 2000

At 2200 hours there was heavy firing from the Iranian side all along the border strip opposite Faw district. It continued until 0500 hours on the next day. Several rounds fell on the homes of citizens.

12. 16 September 2000

At 2100 hours there was heavy firing from the Iranian side. In the Dawrah area of Faw district one woman, Shafiqah Ghalib Shamhud, was hit by a GC-type round.

13. 17/18 September 2000

At 0200 hours the Iranians opened fire with GC and Dimitrov weapons from an area opposite Ma'amir. Three roof-top water storage tanks belonging to citizens were damaged.

14. 20 September 2000

At 1600 hours the Iranians installed a PKT machine-gun near Iran's outpost opposite the Shihabi outpost at coordinates 3545.

15. 20 September 2000

At 2100 hours the Iranians opened heavy fire all along the border strip in Faw district. This brought movement in the area to a standstill and left residents in a state of alarm.

16. 22 September 2000

At 1830 hours a blue Iranian patrol boat carrying three soldiers and mounting a machine-gun in the bow fired indiscriminately in the direction of the joint maritime control point. It was travelling at speed and heading towards the Iranian customs facility opposite Iraq's Ra's al-Bishah.

17. 24 September 2000

At 1920 hours the Iranians fired 16 122-mm Grad multiple-launcher rockets at the area around coordinates 2476 inside Iraq's national territory.

18. 24 September 2000

At 1020 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying over the border strip inside Iranian territory from the Arab outpost at coordinates 867. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

19. 25 September 2000

At 0830 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of four persons began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah).

20. 26 September 2000

At 1700 hours a reconnaissance craft belonging to Iranian intelligence was seen coming from the Karun River towards the land boundary with Iraq in the Tawilah area. There were 25 persons on board in civilian dress, some of them carrying field glasses for purposes of reconnaissance. It was accompanied by a grey Iranian intelligence patrol boat powered by a 200-horsepower Yamaha motor and with three persons on board. At 1800 hours the two vessels returned to the Karun River.

21. 30 September 2000

At 0800 hours an engineering unit consisting of four persons began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 154351 (Khurnubiyah).

22. 30 September 2000

At 1630 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen opposite our units at coordinates 9002 and the Zayd outpost coming from the north and heading south at an altitude of 500 metres. At 1645 hours it withdrew towards the Iranian rear.

23. 30 September 2000

A Land Cruiser vehicle was seen in the area opposite Iraq's Arafat outpost at coordinates 0064. Five persons carrying field glasses alighted from it and proceeded to reconnoitre the area. They remained there for 20 minutes and then withdrew towards the Iranian rear.

24. 1 October 2000

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of four workmen began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah).

25. 2 October 2000

At 0100 hours the Iranians fired several rounds at the Basrah-Faw highway. The rear door of a Land Cruiser vehicle with the registration number 296301 and belonging to Haytham Farid was hit by one round.

26. 3 October 2000

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of 10 persons began work at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah).

27. 3 October 2000

The Iranians fired a number of rounds towards the Iraqi side, breaking the window in one room of the rest house of His Excellency the President and Leader (may God preserve him) in Faw district.

28. 4 October 2000

At 1830 hours the Iranians pitched a 180-pound tent opposite the old Hasan outpost inside Iranian territory at coordinates 4312 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin), using four persons for the task. After the tent was up the persons in question left the location. At 1100 hours on 5 October the Iranians removed the tent.

29. 4 October 2000

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of seven persons began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. At the same time another seven persons began work at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah). Work stopped at 1700 hours.

30. 4 October 2000

At 1520 hours an Iranian aircraft was seen flying at low altitude along the international boundary opposite our units at coordinates 1502. The flight path was from north to south. At 1525 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

31. 4 October 2000

At 1600 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying at low altitude along the international boundary opposite our units at coordinates 6036. The flight path was from south to north. At 1610 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

32. 4 October 2000

At 1100 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying at low altitude over the border strip inside Iranian territory in the area opposite the Darraji outpost at coordinates 1269 and heading towards the city of Mehran at coordinates 0965. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

33. 4 October 2000

At 0930 hours Iranian warplanes were seen heading in various directions over the border strip in the Wadi Jallat area.

34. 5 October 2000

At 1130 hours an Iranian patrol boat carrying two persons in civilian clothing was seen near the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab. They fired in the air opposite Ma'amir at coordinates 545220. The boat then withdrew towards the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab.

35. 5 October 2000

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of seven persons began work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. At the same time 10 persons began work at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah). Work stopped at 1700 hours.

36. 5 October 2000

At 0930 hours two Iranian military helicopters were seen flying at high altitude over the city of Mehran at coordinates 865 (1:100,000 map of Zurbatiyah) and along the border strip towards Iran's Zalub outpost at coordinates 1372. They continued their flight for five minutes and then returned to the Iranian rear.

37. 8 October 2000

At 1730 hours an Iranian tug bearing the name *Roma* was observed in the Shatt al-Arab area. There was a civilian on board carrying a video camera, and he proceeded to film the Iraqi shore from the Fada'iyah area at coordinates 5044 as far as the Bahhar area at coordinates 4937.

38. 8 October 2000

At 2000 hours one of the Iranian positions along the shore of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Wasiliyah area at coordinates 432530 began firing indiscriminately towards the Iraqi side and continued to do so for some 10 minutes.

39. 9 October 2000

At 1700 hours a mortar round from the Iranian side impacted near our units at coordinates 85043 (Wadi Baraw).

40. 10 October 2000

At 1730 hours three Iranian military Land Cruiser vehicles, each carrying an officer and 10 men, together with a motor cycle carrying two persons, all of them

armed with light weapons, were seen halting for 15 minutes at the Iranian position at coordinates 6232 in the Ghazil area. They engaged in observation activities, gesturing towards our units.

41. 11 October 2000

At 1400 hours the Iranians fired five or six rounds from a PKC machine-gun towards our units at coordinates 6624.

42. 13 October 2000

An Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground with seven persons at coordinates 150790 and 10 at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah). Work begins at 0800 hours and stops at 1700 hours on a daily basis.

43. 14 October 2000

At 1800 hours five vehicles were seen beyond the Iranian berm opposite the Ziyadiyah area carrying bridging equipment. At 1300 hours on 15 October the equipment began to be unloaded at a river to the east of the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 438519 (1:100,000 map of Saybah) for the purpose of erecting a bridge across the river.

44. 14, 15 and 16 October 2000

At 0700 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work beyond the Iranian burial ground with four persons at coordinates 150790 and seven at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah). Work stopped at 1700 hours.

45. 16 October 2000

At 1700 hours a person from the Iranian passenger-service yacht was seen coming from the sea towards Muhammarah carrying a video camera. He took video pictures from off the western and eastern shores of the Shatt al-Arab.

46. 16 October 2000

At 0830 hours the sound of a detonation was heard coming from inside Iranian territory in the Muhammarah area opposite Mutawwa'ah at coordinates 2870 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). The sound of intermittent fire by a machine-gun in the area was also heard.

47. 18 October 2000

Between 0700 and 1700 hours an Iranian engineering unit was working beyond the Iranian burial ground with seven persons at coordinates 150790 and 10 persons at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah).

48. 19 October 2000

At 1500 hours three Iranian Land Cruiser vehicles were seen opposite the Arafat outpost at coordinates 105715. Three soldiers armed with light weapons got out and reconnoitred the area in the direction of the Muhammad al-Qasim outpost at coordinates 6575. They then withdrew towards the Iranian rear.